

[ANARTS - Australian National Amateur Radio Teletype Society]

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[Don't worry - they soon stop shouting]

WELL, THIS IS THE CENTRAL COAST FIELD DAY WEEKEND SO THE CAST IS GOING OUT ON SATURDAY MORNING AND AGAIN ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

I HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE TIME TO COME AND VISIT THE ANARTS STAND AT WYONG -- IF IT IS A HOT DAY, JUST REMEMBER THAT THE GRANDSTAND FLOORS ARE AIR-CONDITIONED ... THERE IS ALWAYS A GOOD CROWD AT THE FIELD DAY, AND PLENTY TO LOOK AT AND PERHAPS TO BUY. SEE YOU THERE.

IN THIS MONTHS DIGITAL JOURNAL, RICH, N6GG, COMMENTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF RTTY OPERATION ON 40M -- (QUOTE) THERE IS NO UNIVERSALLY APPROVED SPACE ALLOTTED FOR RTTY (QUOTE) --. HE GOES ON TO STATE THAT -- 40M SEEMS TO BE THE MOST RELIABLE, CONSISTENT BAND AND HAS THE BEST PROPAGATION DURING THE EVENINGS --. RICH HAS SOME IDEAS TO CONSIDER TO SAVE 40M. THESE ARE REPRODUCED BELOW.

1. START UP BEGINNERS NETS TO HELP MASTER THE VARIOUS DIGITAL MODES.
2. SHORT 4-HOUR 40M SPRINT CONTESTS LIKE THE POPULAR TARA RTTY SPRINT.
3. ATTEMPT OTHER NARROW BAND DIGITAL MODES FOR CONTESTING ON 40M, SUCH AS ASCII OR FEC (NOT PACKET!). ASCII AND FEC MODES USE HIGHER BAUD RATES THAN RTTY AND SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTING. HOW ABOUT 75 OR 100 BAUD RTTY?
4. MORE COMPARISONS NEEDED ON HOW STATIC CRASHES EFFECT DATA THRUPUT ON VARIOUS DIGITAL MODES.

THINK ABOUT THIS: IF WE CAN INSTIGATE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN USE OF 40M DIGITAL FREQUENCIES - SAY FROM 7060-90 KHZ - IT WOULD SHOW A GENUINE NEED FOR INCREASING DIGITAL FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS ON 40M - THE REAL BREAD AND BUTTER BAND FOR FUTURE OPERATING DURING EVENING TIME. WE COULD END UP ACTUALLY HAVING A HOME ON 40M!

AN INTERESTING LOT OF SUGGESTIONS FROM RICH, N6GG.

ED.: I HAVE SHORTENED THE ARTICLE TO FIT IN THE BROADCAST, BY REMOVING TOPIC EXPANSION, ETC. IT IS PART OF THE COLUMN - CONTESTING AND SPECIAL EVENTS - IN THE FEBRUARY 1996 ISSUE OF THE DIGITAL JOURNAL, PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL RADIO ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 2550, GOLDENROD FL 32733-2550.

IPS WEEKLY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT

(16 FEBRUARY - 22 FEBRUARY)

ISSUED 23 FEBRUARY

SUMMARY

Date	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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SOLAR ACTIVITY WAS VERY LOW ALL WEEK.

THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD AT LEARMONTH W.A. WAS QUIET 17TH AND 21ST FEBRUARY, AND QUIET TO UNSETTLED OVER THE REMAINDER OF THE PERIOD WITH A BRIEF ACTIVE PERIOD ON EACH OF 16TH AND 19TH.

MAXIMUM USABLE FREQUENCIES AT SYDNEY WERE NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES, EXCEPT FOR A 15 PER CENT DEPRESSION EARLY IN THE UT DAY ON 17TH, AND ENHANCEMENTS TO 30 PER CENT DURING LOCAL NIGHT ON 21ST. SPORADIC E WS OBSERVED ON 18TH AND 19TH FEBRUARY, AND SPREAD F WAS PRESENT DURING LOCAL NIGHT ON 20TH AND 21ST.

FORECAST (23 FEBRUARY - 29 FEBRUARY)

SOLAR: VERY LOW

GEOMAGNETIC: QUIET TO UNSETTLED.

REQUENCIES: NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES.

COURTESY OF IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES

VK2SG RTTY DX NOTES FOR WEEKENDING FEB. 16 1996 (BID RTDX0216)

Our thanks this week go to: ZS5S, W2JGR, WB2CJL, WX5L, WA9QNU, ND8L, KR4QQ, K4PYT, K4HSF, SP4KM, PA0HVF, F6IIE, DL3MDJ, OH2BUA, DL5ENJ, IK1CJO, I4MKN, IK6CG0, I5IGQ, I2PKF, I1JQJ and the 425 DXgang, DJ3IW and the Central Europe DX Cluster Node DB0SPC the NJ0M Node of Minnesota and the IK5PWJ PacketCluster.

BANDPASS:

FRIDAY 9

1351-14090 VK9XY
1400-14087 EV10D
1418-14086 A92GD
1428-14082 A45XT
1424-14083 A45XC
1430-14079 VU2AVG
1456-14083 J28JY
1509-14086 VU2JWA
1600-14086 SV1CDN/3
1707-14082 XE3ARV
1751-14082 CN8LI
1842-14087 EA9JZ
1920-14082 PZ1AP
1942-14082 PZ1EA
2029-14080 FK8GM

2135-14082 HC6CR
2331- 7038 KP4SQ

SATURDAY 10

0015- 7040 PJ2MI
0123- 7040 S59A
0125-14076 XQ8ABF
0131-14084 CE8SFG
0142- 3575 TA2GC
0147- 7079 NP2DZ
0254- 3574 S51DX
0431- 7080 KP4VP
0440- 7083 ZP5FGS
0524- 3584 LZ1BZB
0654-14087 A92GD
0836-21090 VS6BG
0837-14087 4X6U0
0855-21091 RK9CWA
0906-21078 J28JJ
0919-21083 A92GD
1008-14088 UT0I
1009-14093 LY1BZB
1012-14078 9A8A
1017-14077 UN5PR
1018-21080 RU4L
1022-14088 US9QA
1023-14084 RU1A
1132-14084 E06F Qsl OE5EIN
1247-21087 VK9XY
1248-14087 KP4VP
1302-14084 UU2JWA
1324-14073 YI1ZN
1329-21081 CX7BF
1707-21088 TY1PS
1712-14082 IS0VBH
1716-14086 GU0SUP
1744-14085 WP4ISP
1745-14082 LZ1BJ
1750-14084 NP2DZ
1751-14075 8P6SG
1904-21090 XQ8ABF
1951-21072 A35CT
2030-14068 V31JU
2301- 7086 V31JU

SUNDAY 11

0057-14092 VS6BG
0115-14089 RS0F
0627- 3579 S51DX
1020-21093 VK9XY qsx up
1035-21085 OD5PL
1159-21088 ZS6BRH
1215-21083 KE6GEM/5N6
1230-21085 A22BW
1232-21082 LY1BZB
1407-21089 UT0I
1409-21082 NP2DZ
1414-21077 CX7BF
1422-21082 A92GD
1451-21094 A22BW
1457-21091 CN8LI
1920-21081 8P6SG
1930-21087 NP2DZ

2002-14092 XQ8ABF
2108-21087 XE2DV
2255-14066 C02KK
2332- 7079 WA8RYW/YV5

MONDAY 12

0010-14082 LU8EKC
1210-14087 YL2DX
1528-14084 VU2AVG

TUESDAY 13

1259-14081 C02KK
1725-14088 CN8LI

WEDNESDAY 14

1525-14083 C02KG

THURSDAY 15

1207-14086 VU2JWA
1303-14075 YI1ZN
1416-14085 VP2EN
1445-14082 NK2H
1515-14081 YL2DX
1603-14089 9H4B

Notes of Interest:

ST. MARTIN, FS. Starting from 12 February Paul, WX9E will be active from FS5PL's QTH, using the FS/WX9E call except for the ARRL DX CW Contest 17-18 February. The 22 February Mike, N0BSH and Chad, WE9V will meet Paul in St. Martin, and the group will be active on all bands from 10 to 160, WARC included, to March 6. Chad will also try to be active in RTTY as FS/WE9V. QSLs for FS/WX9E, FS/N0BSH and FS/WE9V are via the respective home calls. QSL during contests contacts via WX9E.

IOTA. From 24 to 28 April the IQ8B Team IK8NWK, IK8TE0, IK8TWP, IK8VRH, IW8BVN and IW8EAA will be active from the following islands in the Egadi (EU-054) group: Favignana (24-28 April, IIA TP-011), Marettimo (25 April, TP-010), Levanzo (26 Aprile, TP-009), Scoglio Faraglione (27 April, TP-013), Scoglio del Rais (28 aprile, TP-???). 10 to 80 meters operations, WARC included, in CW, SSB and RTTY.

The VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES are also available on Internet at reflectors dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org, an digital-dx@st.rim.or.jp. See also the OH2BUA WebCluster at URL <http://www.clinet.fi/~jukka/webcluster.html>

For next week's bulletin send your bandpass to Bob, WB2CJL at @ W5KSI.#NOLA.LA.USA.NA.

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ARLD010 DX news : Excerpts

This week's bulletin was made possible with info provided by Wayne, N7NG, Tedd, KB8NW, Jaakko, OH1MA, and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

NORTH KOREA, P5. The DPRK project group has been working long

and hard to put P51DX on the air and establish amateur radio in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Due to transportation scheduling and severe weather conditions, the group's next trip to the DPRK will not be until late April.

The goal of the DPRK project is to establish permanent on the air amateur radio activity with the large base of radio communications enthusiasts that are currently involved in radio direction finding and classroom Morse competitions.

HEARD ISLAND, VK0. Tony, WA4JQS/VP8BZL, founder of the South Sandwich Island Antarctic DX Group, SSIDXG, reports his group scrapping plans for their three week operation. This is to allow the KK6EK/ON6TT Heard Island group maximum opportunities.

MACAO, XX9. Mine, JE1CTM, is in the early stages of planning a short trip and operation from Taipa Island.

FRANZ JOSEF LAND, R1F. Sergey, R1FJZ, is active on 3503 kHz and on 160 meters between 1100 and 1200z. He has worked 170 EU and JA stations on 160 meters but only VE1ZZ and KL7RA in North America 3 kHz between 1230 and 1330z and 14243 kHz at 0915z. Sergey will go QRT in August. The Russian government may discontinue funding Arctic bases, so further activity could be rare.

The Ohio/Penn Dx PacketCluster
DX Bulletin No. 243. Excerpts

Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, Ohio/Penn PacketCluster Network, NH2G, WA3YVN, KK6EK, N6YRU, KD7H, N7NG, AA8GL, W9KIA, WA0PUJ, Pacific Daily News, DF4RD, DL7IO, VA3AOC, F6AJA, JA3MAS, OH1MA, OH6YF, OH8BQT, ON6QR, G4BUE & DX News Sheet and VK3EW for the following DX information.

9H, MALTA (Gozo and Comino Island). NODXA members and friends Holger/DL7IO, Birgit/DL7IQ, Tom/DL7UTM, Ragnar/DL7URH, Tom/DL2RUM and a few more (not yet confirmed) will be active from May 17-31st. Their activity and location will be on the northwest end of Gozo Island. From there they MAY be active from Comino Island (9H8) to take part in the CQWW WPX CW Contest with an experienced team. They have planned a minimum 2 complete stations and a lot of titanium, aluminum and copper wires. They plan to use a 22 meter high vertical antenna and Holger is preparing log periodic dipole arrays from wires for the low bands. The callsigns for Birgit and Holger are 9H3TZ and 9H3TY, respectively. The other operators' callsigns are not known yet. The contest callsign will be 9H3TY from Gozo or a 9H8 callsign from Comino Island. QSL via DL7VR0.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Ron/ND5S, his wife Sue/KF5LG, Bil/AA8GL, and his wife Dorothy/KB8ZX0 will be on the Dutch side of St. Maartin signing PJ7 from the Sapphire Beach Club from February 25th to March 9th. They will be in the ARRL SSB Contest the first weekend in March. They hope to have a special call sign once they get to the island. QSLs to the home calls. Special cards will be printed for the trip.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. From March 1st until May 31st, look for VG3CRC, the Canadian Red Cross Headquarters special event

station celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Red Cross in Canada. Also, look for other provincial Red Cross stations with special callsigns. Special QSL card via bureau or SAE + IRC to callbook address (VA3CRC). (TNX to Ric Guidone)

VP2E, ANGUILLA. VP2ES (KC0ZC - Stew), VP2EZ (WA0PUJ - Glenn), VP2E/N0ZSU (Loring), and VP2E/KL7YL (Vivien) will be active February 28th-March 6th. QSL to home calls. VP2E will be the call during the ARRL SSB Contest. QSL to KC0ZC.

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. Ron, AA5DX, will be active from here for the next 4 months. Ron's call will be VQ9DX or VQ9RM and he will be concentrating on 160, 80 and 40 meters.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH	16TH-17TH	BARTG SPRING RTTY CONTEST
APRIL	6TH-7TH	EA WW RTTY CONTEST
	27TH-28TH	SP DX RTTY
MAY	11TH-12TH	VOLTA RTTY DX

Society information

[And this, dear reader, is where the story suddenly finished...]

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